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New Look for the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office

Sheriff J.D. "Danny" Diggs announced today a change to the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office's uniform. Starting April 17, 2006, all York-Poquoson deputies will begin wearing a new uniform consisting of tan shirts, navy blue trousers, hats and coats. The change in uniform will be a sharp contrast to the dark brown shirts and tan pants previously worn. Sheriff Diggs stated, "I want all citizens and business owners to be informed of the change to prevent any confusion once we go to the new uniform. County citizens are so familiar with the old uniform, I don't want anyone confused about who is showing up when a call for assistance is requested". In fact, the new campaign hat is the same color and style currently being worn by the Virginia State Police. Also, both agencies will be wearing a navy blue winter coat. However, the silver tan shirt will quickly delineate the two uniforms. The uniform transition has been in process for several months. The first phase consisted of a comfort and wear test using different fabrics to find out what new materials were the most comfortable, durable, and cost effective.

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Secondly, new colors were examined to determine what was most readily available in the market. Over the past several years, the Sheriff's Office has been experiencing more and more difficulty in obtaining brown uniforms, especially for activities involving special teams. The navy blue color is more readily available and enables more comparison when conducting cost-effective shopping. The new uniform comes following a change in state law that allows Sheriff's Offices throughout the state to wear a uniform other than the traditional required brown colors. At least 14 other Sheriff's Offices have changed uniforms since the law was changed. Ultimately, the cost is insignificant to the taxpayer since drug asset forfeiture funds will be utilized for the purchase.



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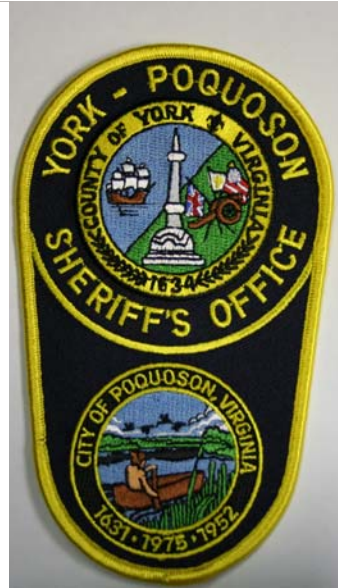
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